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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the phrase "or .0625" from page 4, line 14, and replace with --of .0625--.

Please delete the phrase "compressed air" from page 6, line 29.

Please delete the phrase "wood composite or compressed air" from page 19, line 13 and replace with --or wood composite--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17, 20, and 21.

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